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SUBJ: BANDUNG ANNIVERSARY

1. FOR THE RECORD, INDONESIA CELEBRATED TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY BANDUNG AFRICAN-ASIAN CONFERENCE AT CEREMONY IN NEW MINI INDONESIA AUDITORIUM APRIL 24. AMBASSADORS OF ORIGINAL SPONSORS, SRI LANKA, INDIA, PAKISTAN AND BURMA JOINED.

2. HALL WAS ONLY HALF FILLED WITH INDONESIAN OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATS. FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK SPOKE ON HOW "SPIRIT OF BANDUNG" WOULD FILL ANY "VACUUM" LEFT BY INDO-CHINESE EVENTS. PRESIDENT SUHARTO SAID ALL USUAL THINGS ABOUT "SPIRIT OF BANDUNG", THEN CAUTIONED AGAINST CONFRONTATION WITH REST OF WORLD. HE FINISHED WITH CALL FOR AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY IN NEW GENERATION WHICH HAD NOT EXPERIENCED COLONIALISM.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK MENTIONED INDONESIANS -- EXCEPT FOR SUKARNO -- WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN ORIGINAL CONFERENCE.

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OTHER THAN THAT, NO REFERENCE WAS MADE TO PROMINENT

PERSONALITIES OF EARLIER ERA. SUHARTO MADE POINT "THE
SPIRIT OF BANDUNG DOES NOT REPRESENT THE SPIRIT OF INDIVIDUALS."

4. ONE HAD FEELING SESSION WAS OBLIGATORY IN RESPONSE TO
URGING OF VETERANS OF PAST, BUT THERE WAS LITTLE
ENTHUSIASM FOR GIVING UNDUE PROMINENCE TO THAT PAST OR TO
PERSONALITIES INSIDE INDONESIA AND OUT WHO WERE
ASSOCIATED WITH IT.
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